

**UTAH STATE FIRE PREVENTION BOARD**  
**March 14, 2023 MEETING**  
**Virtual & In Person**  
**MINUTES PENDING APPROVAL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

David Olsen, Board Chair  
Michael Phillips, Vice Chair  
Chris Dawson  
Joseph Decker  
Craig Humphreys  
Chris Kimball

Jared Larson  
Derek Maxfield  
Brett Ostler  
Frank Park  
Patrick Tomasino

**STAFF PRESENT**

Ted Black, State Fire Marshal  
Jon Ritchie, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal  
Michael Gadd, Assistant Attorney General  
Jana DeMille, Board Secretary

James Barnett  
Justin Cheever  
Shane Cook  
Art Deyo

Cory Feese  
Venice Kekauoha  
Shane Maughan  
Andrew McCormick  
Ryan Putman  
Kelly Snow  
Sheri Stevens

**OTHERS**

Members of the public and the fire service were in attendance at this meeting. The attendance log is kept with the full record of the meeting.

**Item #1,** Board meeting called to order by Board Chair David Olsen. The meeting started at 8:30 A.M., over Google Meet, and at the State Fire Marshal's Office. Board Member Roll Call – quorum present.

**Item #2,** Approval of the January 10, 2023 board meeting minutes. Motion made by Frank Park to approve the minutes; seconded by Derek Maxfield. Motion carried.

**Item #3,** Report to the Board by Chief Scott Spencer, Chair, Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

- Last meeting of the Council was January 5, 2023
- The Council recognized Chief Jason Earl and Chief Rod Hammer for their many years of service to the Council.
- Certification testing continues to increase.
- Joan Aaron reported on her attendance at the Pro Board Winter Conference.
- Have received requests for intent to participate from Box Elder County Sheriff's Search and Rescue and the Utah Motorsports campus.
- There are ongoing discussions on the prerequisites for some of the classes. M410, which is part of the wildland cadre, will be allowed. Have had several discussions on technical rescue and if additional vetting should be required for recertification. The conclusion is that technicians must submit a skill sheet with their recertification that shows they have worked on certain skills in-house.
- The Council approved a Utah standard for live fire training. There will not be IFSAC or Pro-Board seals, it is a Utah standard. This will be discussed in more detail later in this meeting.
- March 20-24 is the tester certification training seminar and will be held at various locations throughout Utah.
- Next meeting is March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Fire Academy.

**Item #4,** Report to the Board by Jolene Chamberlain on behalf of Bradley Wardle, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy.

- UFRA is doing a great job. Classes continue to be scheduled and are going well. Certifications are also going well.

**Item #5,** Presentation to the Board by Jolene Chamberlain of the “Utah Live Fire Training Standard.”

- This is standard 1403 which was previously removed from Utah law.
- There is now a new 1403 standard which was approved by the Certification Council at the last meeting. It is to support Utah in live fire and how to do things on a State level. It is more “user-friendly” for those who choose to use it.
- Recognition of committee members who worked diligently on this standard: Deputy Chief Jason Beck, Lone Peak; Chief T.J. Brewer, Moab; Chief Brett Pierson, Kanab; Chief Mike Phillips, Cedar City; Chief Scott Spencer, Payson; Deputy Chief Bart Vawdrey, Draper City; Battalion Chief Dave Youngberg, North Davis; and Joan Aaron, UFRA.

**Item #6,** Approval of the Board, “Utah Live Fire Training Standard”

- Mike Phillips made a motion to approve the “Utah Live Fire Training Standard.” Joe Decker seconded the motion.

Voting:

Mike Phillips: made motion

Jared Larson: yes

Chris Dawson: yes

Derek Maxfield: yes

Joe Decker: seconded motion

Brett Ostler: yes

Craig Humphreys: aye

Frank Park: aye

Chris Kimball: yes

Patrick Tomasino: yes

The motion carried. The Utah Live Fire Training Standard was approved.

This standard is available on UFRA’s website at

<https://www.uvu.edu/ufra/certification/index.html>

**Item #7,** Reappointment by the Board of T.J. Brewer and Scott Spencer to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

- Chief Scott Spencer was stricken from this item.
- Motion made by Craig Humphreys to reappoint T.J. Brewer to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council, seconded by Frank Park.

Voting:

Mike Phillips: aye

Jared Larson: aye

Chris Dawson: aye

Derek Maxfield: yes

Joe Decker: aye

Brett Ostler: aye

Craig Humphreys: aye

Frank Park: aye

Chris Kimball: yes

Patrick Tomasino: aye

The motion carried and T.J. Brewer’s reappointment was approved.

**Item #8,** Appointment by the Board of Chief Jon Evans, West Valley City, and Chris Whetton, Weber Fire District, to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

Jolene Chamberlain stated that both candidates were unanimously voted in by the Council for 3-year terms. The Council and UFRA extend a welcome and think they will be excellent participants.

- Motion made by Patrick Tomasino to approve the appointments of Chief Evans, West Valley City, and Chris Whetton, Weber Fire District, to the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

Voting:

Mike Phillips: aye

Chris Dawson: aye

Joe Decker: aye

Craig Humphreys: aye

Chris Kimball: yes

Jared Larson: aye

Derek Maxfield: aye

Brett Ostler: aye

Frank Park: aye

Patrick Tomasino: aye

The motion carried and the appointments of Chief Evans and Chris Whetton were approved.

**Item #9,** The Board expresses its thanks to Chief Jason Earl and Chief Rod Hammer for their year of service on the Utah Fire Service Certification Council.

- Chair David Olson expressed thanks for the hard work and many years of service each has given. They have been very involved in the process. Jolene Chamberlain added that Chief Earl served for 14 years, and Chief Hammer for 10 years. Both have spent countless hours on committees and working for the Certification Council.

**Item #10,** Legislative status of the 2021 International Fire Code, Ted Black, Utah State Fire Marshal.

- House Bill 409 passed, which is the adoption of the 2021 International Fire Code with the normal changes made for the State of Utah. The fuel gas code did not pass. An advance copy of the fuel gas code was reviewed and the LP Gas Board recommended approval to the State Legislature. For some reason, NFPA has decided not to adopt a 2023 edition, but to go to a 2024 edition of the code. The language in the law is specific to 2023, so it had to be dropped as a 2023 edition of the fuel gas code does not exist.
- There were some changes in Miranda rights for juveniles. Made easier for children to understand. There was also a provision in another bill that requires a parent or friendly adult to be in the room with the child when interviewed.
- Minimum road widths on minor roads in residential subdivisions will be 32' of asphalt or pavement, plus curb and gutter.

**Item #11,** Schedule an appeal hearing for Mr. Steve Shriber/Firestorm. Mr. Shriber is appealing the decision of the State Fire Marshal, Ted Black, to not renew his Display Operator and Special Effects Operator licenses. The requested date by the Fire Marshal is May 09, 2023.

- Chief Phillips recommended a separate meeting from the usual Fire Prevention Board Meeting.
- Joe Decker also recommended a separate meeting.
- April 11, 2023, was proposed for this special meeting. Board members were encouraged to attend in person.
- Motion was made by Joe Decker to hold a special meeting for the appeal hearing of Mr. Steve Shriber on April 11, 2023, at 8:30 am, with the option to attend in person or virtually. Motion seconded by Chief Mike Phillips.

- Voting:

Mike Phillips: seconded motion

Chris Dawson: yes

Joe Decker: made motion

Craig Humphreys: aye

Chris Kimball: yes

Jared Larson: aye

Derek Maxfield: yes

Brett Ostler: aye

Frank Park: aye

Patrick Tomasino: aye

Note: Chris Kimball notified the Board he will be out of town and unable to attend.

Motion carried and there will be a special meeting for an appeal hearing for Mr. Steve Shriber on April 11, 2023, at 8:30 am at the State Fire Marshal's office. There will be a virtual option.

**Item #12,** Approval by the Board to conduct the May 9, 2023 Fire Prevention Board meeting virtually.

- Motion by Craig Humphreys to conduct the May meeting virtually, seconded by Patrick Tomasino.

Voting:

Mike Phillips: aye

Jared Larson: aye

Chris Dawson: yes

Derek Maxfield: yes

Joe Decker: aye

Brett Ostler: aye

Craig Humphreys: made motion

Frank Park: aye

Chris Kimball: yes

Patrick Tomasino: seconded motion

The motion carried.

**Item #13,** Old Business: None

**Item #14,** New Business:

- Jolene Chamberlain, UFRA, regarding the Utah Certification Council. Scott Spencer was reappointed as Council Chair, and Hoss Tomkinson as Vice Chair. They will do excellent work!

**Item #15,** Public Comment: None

**Item #16,** Next Board Meeting May 9, 2023, beginning at 8:30 am at the Utah State Fire Marshal's Office, 410 West 9800 S, Suite #372, Sandy, Utah 84070. This meeting will be both in-person and virtual.

Chair Olson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brett Ostler made the motion and the meeting adjourned.